

Locals.

A VALUABLE INVENTION.—Capt. S. E. Allen, of this city, has invented and applied for letters patent on a very ingenious, though very simple device for sealing railroad cars and other locks where a seal may be desirable. The opinion of railroad men who have examined it is that it will prove an invaluable improvement on the methods heretofore in use for sealing railroad cars, as it is not only a perfect seal, but an automatic record of the seals at the same time, making the lock of the car keep its own record, and very much lessening the labor of the tracing system rendered necessary by the present methods. For instance: There is no way of telling with the seals now in use where a car may have been opened after leaving the starting point, but with this seal the record it makes is such that it shows at once at what station or between what two stations the car was opened and hence obviates the necessity of tracing a whole line to discover that fact. It is a very simple, a very practical, and it seems to us ought to be a very useful and valuable device. For all the purposes for which a lock seal is intended it meets the requirements, and may be applied to mail bags as well as railroad cars. With such a seal on a mail bag it would be impossible to tamper with the lock without its being discovered at once at the first office where the bag was delivered.

—There seems to be an unusual number of mad dogs in the country at this time. We hear reports of them from all sections of the State. A few days ago near High Point a farmer named Reece was gathering some fruit while his two little girls stood under the tree. Hearing one of the children scream, he looked down and saw one of them struggling with a large dog, which had fastened his teeth in the child's face, while the other child lay fainting on the ground with fright. He leaped from the tree, and seizing a stone succeeded in beating the dog loose from the child. But the dog escaped and was heard from later, having bitten a number of dogs. These facts were gathered from the father who came to High Point in search of a mad stone.

A REMARKABLE CASE.—We clip the following from the *Winston Republican*: "A ten-year-old daughter of Mr. Samuel Reid, who resides about four miles from Winston, has been afflicted in a very peculiar manner for several months past. The child is confined to bed and remains in a state of apparent insensibility for days and weeks at a time, refusing nourishment during these periods, and food can only be given by main force. Occasionally she awakens, as it were, for a short time and calls for food, of which she partakes in very small quantities and then relapses again into her former state of unconsciousness. We are informed that the longest period of duration of one of these lethargic states has been from ten to twenty days. The little one, to all appearance, seems as if the vital spark had fled, the eyes are closed, respiration easy and scarcely discernible, and resists all efforts to arouse or awaken and refuses to speak, only at the lengthy intervals above alluded to, when she calls for food. No symptoms of pain are exhibited, and the case is as yet beyond the skill of several of our most eminent physicians."

—Mr. J. W. Scales, of Reed's, sold the tobacco from five-eighths of an acre, at the Piedmont Warehouse, for \$117.

Mr. J. B. Vest, of this county, also sold the product of one acre for \$161. But these are the happy exceptions. There are hundreds of thousands of pounds sold at less than half the cost of producing it. Make less—make it better—handle it carefully through all its stages from the field to the warehouse, and like Mr. Scales and Mr. Vest, you may realize good prices.

—There is a law in some towns requiring that dogs be muzzled to prevent them from biting people. The biting dog is not much worse than the dog that howls through the night and gets all the other dogs to howling. That sort of a dog ought to be killed at once and without ceremony.

—Typhoid fever seems to be prevalent in different portions of the State. There have been several cases in Winston. It is easier to prevent this disease than to cure it. When cleanliness and sanitary laws are observed there is not much danger of its appearance; when not, the danger is great.

—There is probably not a town in the State where the young people indulge as much in buggy riding as they do in Winston. The liverymen must do a good business.

A SPECIAL OFFER.

Remember that the PROGRESSIVE FARMER and the Patch Corn Sheller (price \$3) is offered to you for four dollars only. The President of Sandy Ridge Club has this to say of the Sheller,

WINSTON, N. C., June 19, 1886.
Col. L. L. Polk:—At your request I took the Patch Corn Sheller and Separator and tested it. I am so well satisfied with it that I want to keep it and pay you for it. It is decidedly the best corn sheller for the price that I have ever seen, and in my judgment it should have a large sale among our farmers.

Respectfully,
J. H. REICH.
—The County Commissioners at their last meeting passed an order prohibiting the public sale of personal property on the Court House square.

CONCERT.—A concert will be given at the Opera House to-morrow night for the benefit of St. Paul's P. E. Church. Admission 50 cents. Reserved seats at Smith & Brown's drug store, without extra charge.

—A man appeared in Winston a few days ago with a beard thirty-three inches long. This does pretty well for beard, but is not quite up to the school master who is, or was a few years ago, in Patrick county, Va., who wore a beard measuring fifty-five inches.

—In the Congressional Convention for this, the 5th district, held at Greensboro on the 21st inst., James W. Reid was re-nominated without opposition, receiving the solid vote of the convention except a fraction of the vote of Forsyth, which was cast blank.

—There is some talk in Mississippi of running Gen. Stephen D. Lee for Congress. They had better keep him where he is. He is doing more good there than he could possibly do in Congress.

Winston Tobacco Market.

CORRECTED WEEKLY AT THE WAREHOUSES.

Breaks closed tight at end of past week, with no special changes to note. Indications for present week, that sales will be heavier. We note a fair demand for good and fine wrappers, bright lemon and mahoganies. Fine sweet fillers in demand. Other grades remain about the same.

LUGS—Common, sound,	\$ 3.00	to	\$ 3.50
Medium,	4.50	to	6.00
Good,	7.50	to	10.00
Fine,	12.50	to	15.00
LEAF—Common,	\$ 3.50	to	\$ 4.50
Medium,	6.50	to	9.00
Good,	10.00	to	14.00
CUTTERS—Good,	\$18.00	to	\$20.00
Fine,	22.00	to	25.00
RICH, WAXY, FILLERS,	\$12.00	to	\$15.00
WRAPPERS—Common,	\$18.00	to	\$22.50
Medium,	25.00	to	30.00
Good,	35.00	to	45.00
Fine,	50.00	to	60.00

Produce Market.

The prices of many of the articles enumerated below are materially affected by the "law of supply and demand," but this table is corrected weekly by some of our largest and most reliable dealers, and our readers may accept the quotations as approximately correct:

Wheat, white, per bushel,	\$1.00 to 1.25
Red, " "	80 to 1.10
Corn, per bushel,	60 to 65
Corn Meal, per hundred,	1.40 to 1.50
Oats, per bushel,	50 to 60
Beans, per bushel, colored,	80 to 1.00
" white,	1.00 to 1.50
Peas, " "	75 to 1.00
Flax Seed, per hundred,	1.25 to 1.40
Flour, " "	1.25 to 3.75
Butter, fresh, per lb.,	12 to 15
" in firkins, per lb.,	10 to 15
Reeswax, per lb.,	20 to 25
Tallow, " "	6 to 7
Country Meat, hog round, per lb.,	8 to 10
Hams, per lb.,	12 to 15
" shoulders, per lb.,	8 to 10
Chickens, " "	20 to 25
Eggs, per doz.,	10 to 12
Honey, strained, per gallon,	80 to 100
" in comb, per lb.,	8 to 10
Irish Potatoes, new crop, per bush	40 to 60

DRIED FRUIT.

There is no dried fruit yet on the market, but the following are prices offered, as quoted by Messrs. Hinshaw & Bynum:

Blackberries,	0 to 5 cts.
Quarter large cut apples,	1 to 1 1/2 "
Bright sliced apples,	1 to 1 1/2 "
Fancy sliced apples,	0 to 2 "
Extra Fancy sliced apples,	2 1/2 to 3 "
Half peaches,	2 to 2 1/2 "
Quarter peaches,	1 1/2 to 2 "
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